

What Is Claimed Is:

- 1 1. A method for aligning a micro-gyroscope having closed
- 2 loop control of drive, output and sense axes, said method comprising the steps
- 3 of:
 - 4 detecting misalignment of said micro-gyroscope; and
 - 5 correcting misalignment to zero by an electrostatic bias
 - 6 adjustment.

1 2. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said step of
2 detecting misalignment further comprises detecting misalignment by way of
3 quadrature signal amplitude obtained by demodulation of a signal of said output
4 axis using a signal in quadrature to rate signal for said drive axis.

1 4. The method as claimed in claim 3 wherein said step of
2 nulling an in-phase bias further comprises nulling by electronically coupling a
3 torque component of said drive axis with said output axis.

5. A method for tuning a cloverleaf micro-gyroscope having
closed loop control of drive, output and sense axes, said method comprising the
steps of:

1 6. The method as claimed in claim 5 wherein said step of
2 detecting residual mistuning further comprises detecting by way of a quadrature
3 signal noise level.

1 7. The method as claimed in claim 5 wherein said step of
2 detecting residual mistuning further comprises detecting by way of a transfer
3 function test signal.

1 8. A method for independently aligning and tuning a
2 cloverleaf micro-gyroscope having closed loop control of drive, output and
3 sense axes, said method comprising the steps of:

4 detecting misalignment of said micro-gyroscope by way of a
5 quadrature signal amplitude;
6 correcting said misalignment to zero by way of an electrostatic
7 bias adjustment;
8 detecting residual mistuning by way of a signal; and
9 correcting said residual mistuning by way of an electrostatic bias
10 adjustment.

1 9. The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein said step of
2 detecting a residual mistuning further comprises detecting a residual mistuning
3 by way of a quadrature signal noise level.

1 10. The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein said step of
2 detecting a residual mistuning further comprises detecting a residual mistuning
3 by way of a transfer function test signal.

1 11. The method as claimed in claim 8 further comprising the
2 step of nulling in-phase bias.

12. The method as claimed in claim 11 wherein said step of
nulling further comprises electronically coupling a torque component of said
drive axis with said output axis.

14. The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein said step of
correcting said misalignment further comprises the step of introducing an
electrostatic cross-coupling spring, K_{xy}^c for canceling said misalignment.

15. The method as claimed in claim 14 further comprising
the step of applying a bias voltage to a drive electrode on said drive axis that is
different from a bias voltage to another drive electrode on said drive axis.